

Subject: southwest alaska transportation plan

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Jeff:

I am submitting this as a formal comment from the City of Seward regarding the Southwest Alaska Transportation Plan Draft of February 2002. We in Seward take exception to being taken out of Marine Highway Service in this plan draft. I would like to point out that although the plan does impact service to Seward, no public meetings were held in Seward during the formation of this draft plan (page 15 of the draft plan). I also don't see any analysis of the negative economic impacts for the Seward area associated with termination of Marine Highway service here. Although community benefits are often identified, a plan should not be completed without measuring the negative impact too.

This draft plan should be put on hold until well advertised public meetings are held in Seward, and the economic impacts associated with lost service have been identified. We would be happy to assist you with efforts to satisfy these requests.

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